

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 124

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Gordon Ferguson
of Murfreesboro to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of
the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the
Governor shall appoint nine members to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Gordon Ferguson of Murfreesboro to
the State Board of Education to a term that will expire on March 31, 2021, as a member
representing the 4th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Gordon Ferguson has served
as president and chief executive officer of Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital since 2006; and

WHEREAS, having accumulated more than twenty years of healthcare experience, Mr.
Ferguson has been named one of *Business Tennessee* magazine's top twenty-five hospital
operators in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Mr. Ferguson has
overseen the construction of the new \$267 million Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital facility and
the \$26 million outpatient service facility, facilitated the establishment of joint ventures, and
completed a master facility plan as part of the hospital's overall strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson serves on the Business Education Partnership board of
directors, University of Tennessee Alumni board, University of Tennessee President's Council,
and University of Alabama Alumni board, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Ferguson is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Gordon Ferguson to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2021.